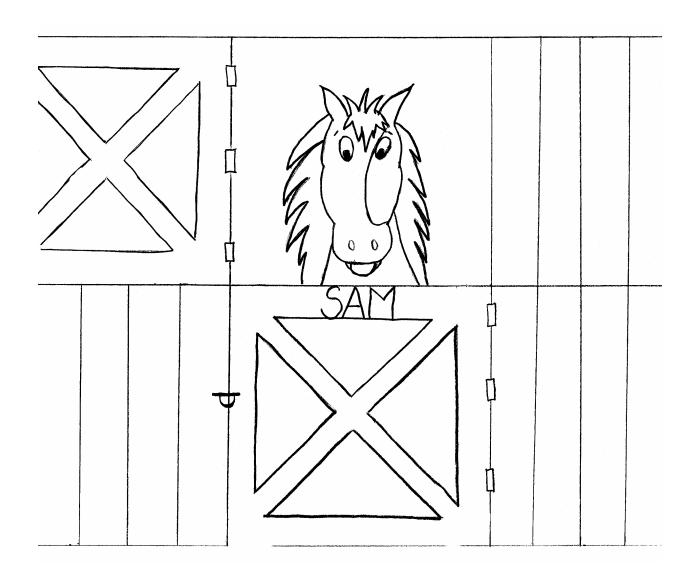
# Sam The Disaster Horse



## Terrorism Awareness

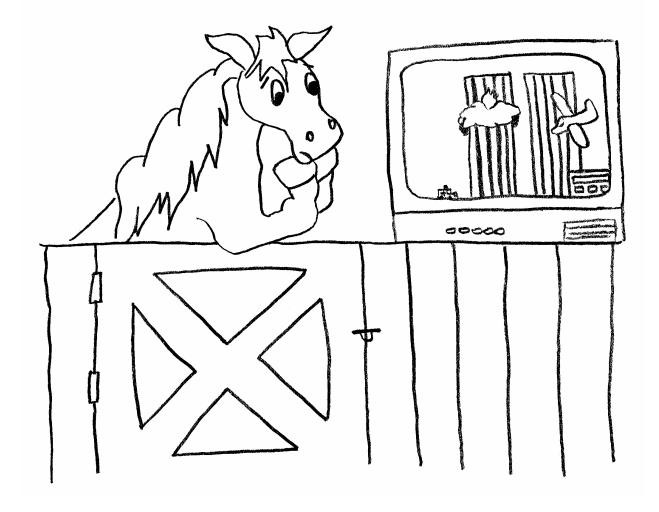
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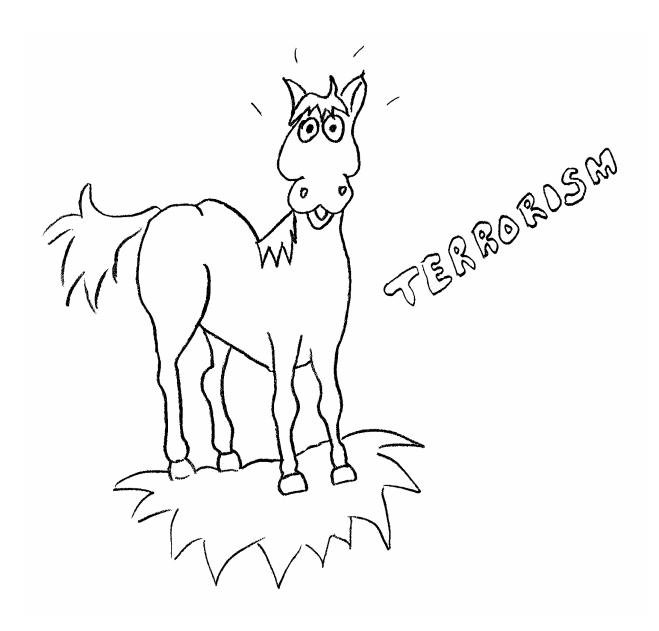
Hi! Sam the Disaster Horse here!



Now you may ask why am I called the Disaster Horse? Great question! It seems that for some reason disasters just seem to happen around me and since they do, I have learned what to do when these scary things happen and I'm here to share those things with you!



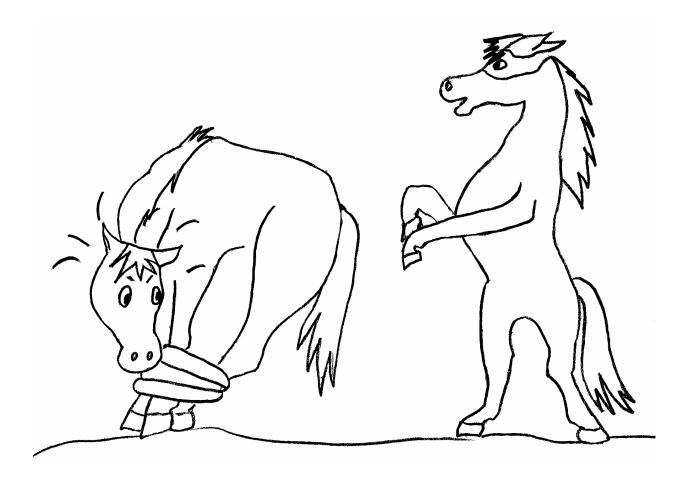
Lately I've been seeing and hearing a lot of scary things on the television. I can tell that even grownups are worried! They talk a lot about this thing called terrorism.



I learned that this thing called terrorism is the use of force or violence against people or property to create fear.



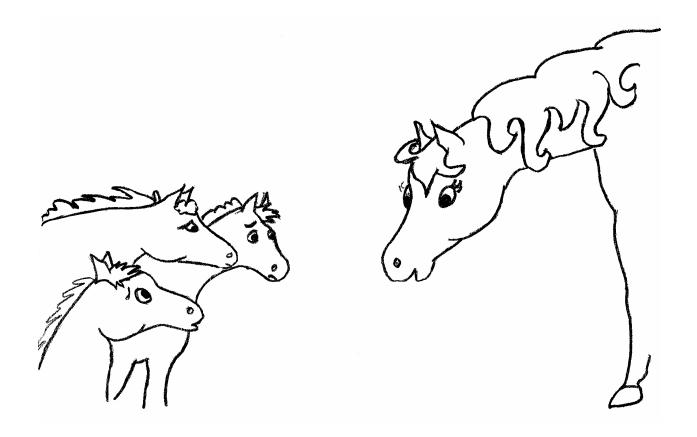
Terrorists are bad people and are criminals and when they get caught they have to go to jail.



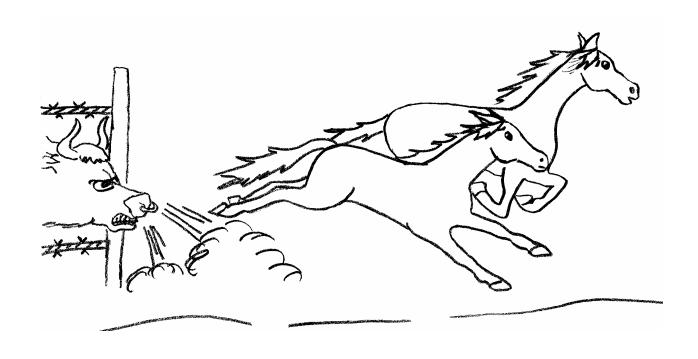
Terrorism can take many forms. It could be a threat of violence, kidnappings, hijackings (when they steal a plane or car), bomb scares and bombings, and the use of chemicals or weapons to hurt people.



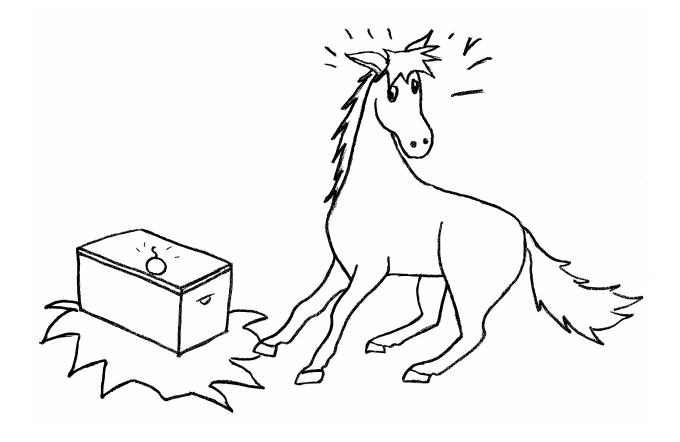
Terrorism is a very scary thing! But, there are some things that you can do to stay safe.



You don't have to be afraid, but it's always a good idea to be aware of your surroundings. That means, if you notice that something around you doesn't seem quite right you need to tell an adult right away!



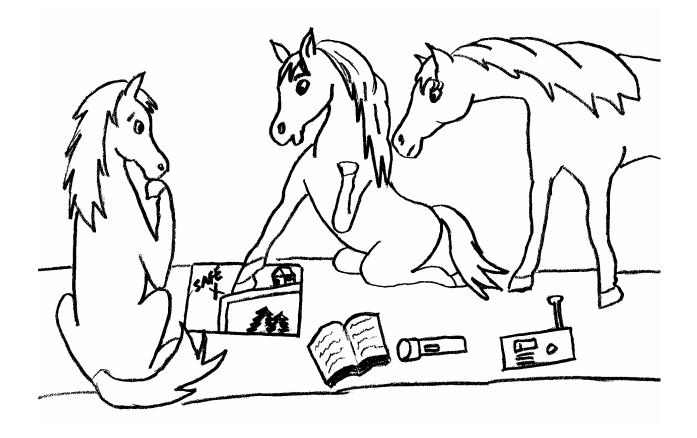
And, don't be afraid to move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.



Never take packages from strangers and don't touch any suspicious packages.



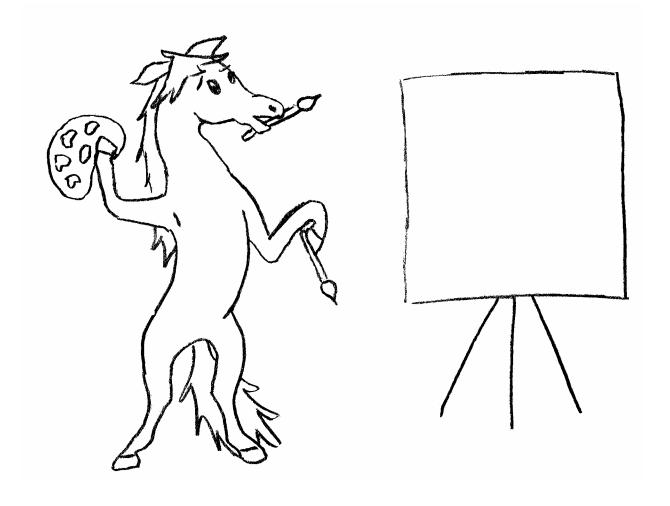
It is also smart to know how and where to get out of a building. If you are asked to leave a building, even if it is a drill, pay attention and do what you are told.



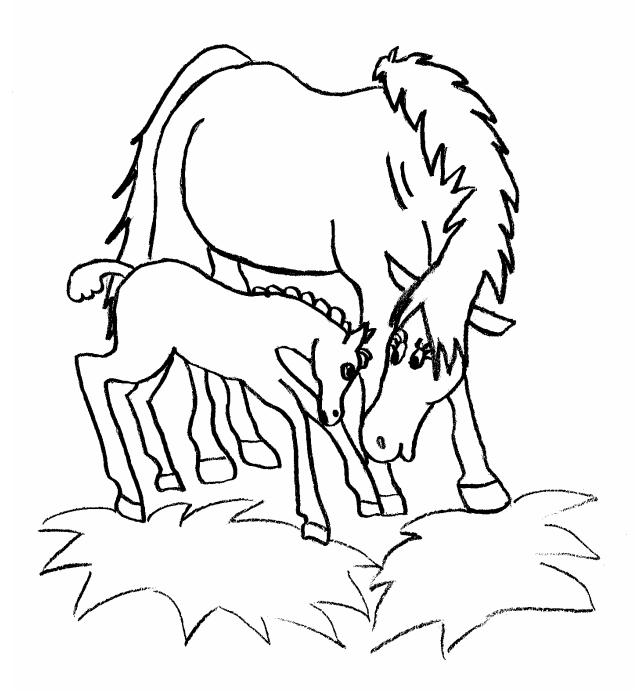
You should talk to your parents and have a Family Disaster Plan, so in case you get separated you know where to meet and what you should do.



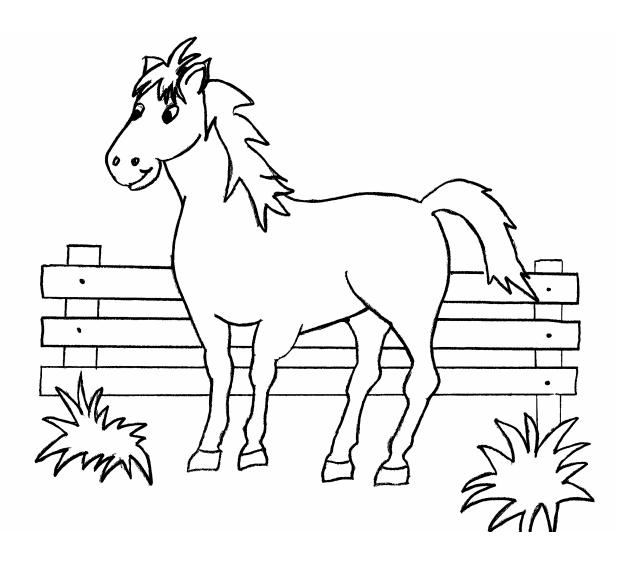
Sometimes police, fire fighters and ambulance workers will have to come out. Follow their directions - and stay out of their way so they can keep everyone safe!



Sometimes it helps to write about how you feel or to draw pictures about what has happened.



You might feel really scared and sad. It's OK to cry! But remember, things will GET BETTER.



Well, I hoped you learned a little about terrorism and what you can do to be safe. Remember to tell your friends how to stay safe too!

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